

# Welcome to NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET) Webinar Series

## Introduction to Remote Sensing Data for Water Resources Management

Course Dates: October 17, 24, 31 November 7, 14  
Time: 8-9 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Eastern U.S. Time



**ARSET**

**Applied Remote Sensing Training**  
A project of NASA Applied Sciences



# Important Information

**Presentations URL:**

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<https://lists.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/nasa-water-training>



# Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET) Webinar on Flood Monitoring using NASA Remote Sensing Data

November 19 – December 10, 2013

8-9 AM U.S. Eastern Standard Time (13 PM UTC)

Tuesdays (4 webinars: one hour per week)

Webinar Agenda Available at: <http://water.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Registration link: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/4746203923002627585>



## Course Objective:

To introduce NASA remote sensing data and web-based tools for flood monitoring and inundation mapping

## Course Participation:

This course is intended for water resources managers, water user associations, NGOs, international development agencies, and private sector organizations. ***Space is limited, preference will be given to these and other environmental professionals.***

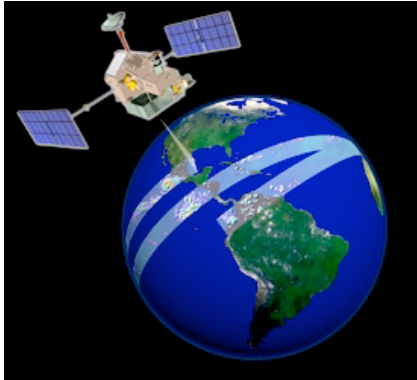
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# Course Outline

## Week 1



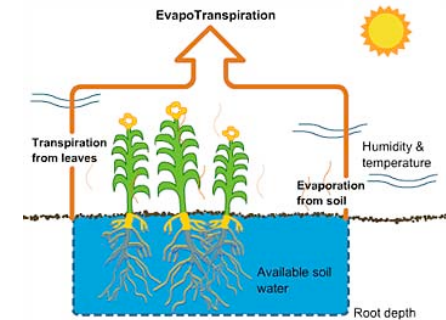
**Overview of Remote Sensing and Earth System Modeling**

## Week 2



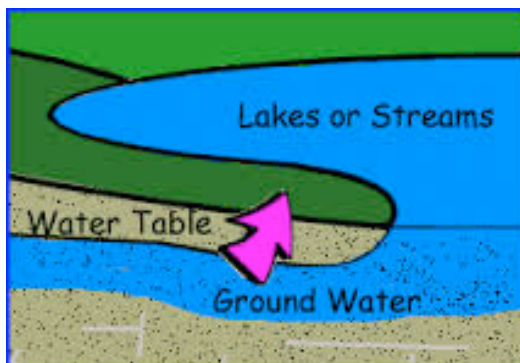
**Precipitation and Run Off**

## Week 3



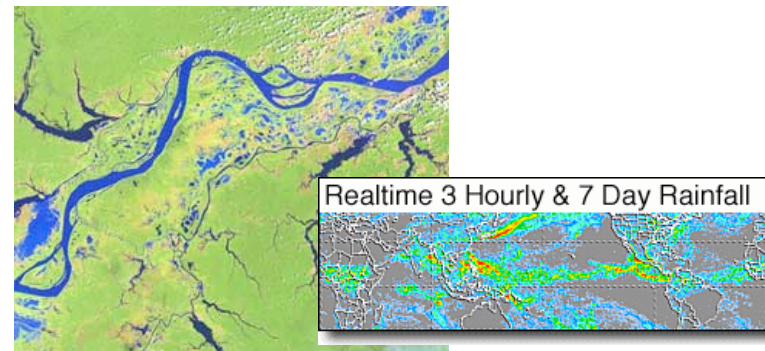
**Soil Moisture and Evapotranspiration**

## Week 4



**Reservoir and Ground Water**

## Week 5



**Web-tools for Data Access/  
Imaging**

# Outline

## ➤ **Web-tools for Data Access and Analysis**

**Presenter: Brock Blevins**

*Data Selection, Display, Download, Data Import in GIS-ArcMap*

*Demonstration Case Studies:*     **Seasonal and Year-to-Year  
Assessment of Water Resources  
Over *Northeast Brazil* and  
*Mozambique***

## ➤ **Summary**

# **Introduction to Web-tools for Data Access, Analysis and Visualization**

# **Course Summary**

**We used many acronyms!**

**Acronym Directory:**

<http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/learn/faqs/acronyms.html>



## **Water Resources Management.**

### **Take-home Message from this course:**

**NASA Remote Sensing Observations and Earth System Models calculations are available for all the Freshwater components.**

**There are multiple observed and model data quantities with varying spatial/temporal resolutions and coverage appropriate for various applications.**

# This Webinar Focused on:

## Freshwater Data: There are Strengths and Limitations/Trade-offs

- Soil Moisture data available from Aqua/AMSR-E June 2002 to September 2011 – current soil moisture data available from GLDAS calculations. SMAP Mission planned for launch in 2014 for more accurate, high resolution soil moisture measurements
- Evapotranspiration – multiple regional data products from Landsat available at 30 m resolution (METRIC and SEBAL). Global products from MODIS are available at 1 km resolution (MOD16) and GLDAS
- Ground water storage from GRACE observations provides total water storage data – at relatively low resolution (150,000 km<sup>2</sup>). Used for assimilation into high-resolution land surface models
- Global Lake Height data are available every 10 days (~380 lakes, ~90 reservoirs) and every 35 days (~1065 lakes ~230 reservoirs), reservoir size limit ~100 km<sup>2</sup>
- Publicly available data (from the web) has a latency that varies from near-real time to 1-3 months, depending on the data set.

# This Webinar focused on:

## Data Applications and usage

### *Hydrology Models for Streamflow Monitoring and Prediction*

*TRMM rainfall, MODIS-derived snow cover and snow melt*

### *Decision Support Systems for Flood and Drought Monitoring, Irrigation Mapping*

*TRMM Rainfall, NLDAS Soil Moisture, Landsat and MODIS-based Evapotranspiration, Altimeter-derived Lake Heights, GRACE Water Storage*

### *Hydropower Decision Support*

*Altimeter-derived Reservoir Height Threshold*

### *Crop Monitoring*

*TRMM rainfall, Landsat imagery, MODIS-derived vegetation Indices, Altimeter-derived Lake Heights*

### *Water Budget Analysis (All Water Cycle Components)*

*Freshwater Excess or Deficit (anomalies) from GLDAS and GRACE Water Storage*

## This Webinar focused on:

- Introducing Freshwater availability data from satellites (TRMM, Terra, Aqua, Landsat, TOPEX/Poseidon, GRACE) and satellite-data-assimilated GLDAS/NLDAS models
  - > *Satellite orbits, sensors, spatial/temporal resolutions and coverage, levels of data (pixels/swath to uniformly gridded)*
  - > *GLDAS/NLDAS components*
- Examples of data application and usage
- **Data access, analysis, visualization tools and demonstration to import data in GIS (today)**

# Advanced Webinars/Hands-on Trainings

Focused instruction on the use of NASA data for specific applications. The objective is to enable end-users to incorporate NASA data into their own decision support environment/tools.

- High resolution Level-2 data access and tools, import in GIS
- 'Hands-on' case studies for data access/download
- Data accuracy and validation
- Additional data, such as weather and climate, terrain, land use, and socioeconomic data



## To Conclude:

- NASA remote sensing and model-based data are **free and easily accessible** through a multitude of web-tools for data access, analysis, and download.
- The ARSET Team works with end-users/ organizations to design and provide advanced webinars and ‘hands-on’ trainings that facilitate the use of NASA data for decision support.



# Thank You !